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Application Number	09/829,830
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Art Unit	3714
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Attorney Docket Number	P00525-US-0 (18217.0001)

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.

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- i. Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR 1.116 previously filed on _____
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Effective October 1, 2001

CLAIMS AS FILED - PART I

(Column 1) (Column 2)

TOTAL CLAIMS			
FOR		NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA
TOTAL CHARGEABLE CLAIMS		30 minus 20=*	*
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS		8 minus 3=*	*
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM PRESENT			<input type="checkbox"/>

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CLAIMS AS AMENDED - PART II

(Column 1) (Column 2) (Column 3)

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TYPE **OTHER THAN**
OR **SMALL ENTITY**

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BASIC FEE	370.00	OR BASIC FEE	740.00
X\$ 9=		OR X\$18=	
X42=		OR X84=	
+140=		OR +280=	
TOTAL		OR TOTAL	

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